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**Subject:** RE: Comments on the Air Quality Impacts of the Proposed SPOT Terminal

I apologize. Got stuck on an IOGCC presentation. Will do.

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Taim – In the ORA meeting (happening now) we discussed whether you are working the issues below. Can you please work with ORC (Suzanne) and keep Arati and Stacey on next steps (run of show, etc). Helena

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Hi Suzanne,

Thanks for this flag. On our prep call, we touched on broader issues of climate, energy and deep water port projects in the Gulf.

**Ex. 5 Attorney Client (AC)**

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 29, 2022, at 4:51 PM, Andrews, Suzanne <[Andrews.Suzanne@epa.gov](mailto:Andrews.Suzanne@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi all,

## Ex. 5 Attorney Client (AC)

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Good afternoon, ORC

We're scheduling a meeting for the RA to meet with these advocates next week on the SPOT Terminal project. Advocates have sent two comment letters (attached) and Taim and I just had a prep call with them, as we do before all community meetings with the RA.

## Ex. 5 AC/DP

The RA meets with the advocacy groups on Wednesday morning so it would be good to have a read on this from ORC before then.

Thanks!

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Good morning,

Are y'all available to chat this Thursday? We're working to schedule time on Dr. Nance's calendar for next week but would like to connect with you before then.

The prep call would include myself and Taim Shaikh, Senior Advisor to Dr. Nance.

Thanks,

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 21, 2022, at 12:07 PM, Amy Dinn <[ADinn@lonestarlegal.org](mailto:ADinn@lonestarlegal.org)> wrote:

Iris,  
I wanted to make you aware of this request that was submitted to EPA earlier this week for a meeting with EPA Regional Administrator Nance and David Garcia of the Air Permits Division.

Please let me know if you have any questions or follow up. I hope you are doing well.

Thank you

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Thank you, Taimur.

Please find attached the completed meeting request form regarding the SPOT Terminal and the two letters we have previously sent as background material. I am also cc'ing Sue Davis and James Turk per the instructions on the form.

We really appreciate your attention to this time-sensitive matter at such a busy time. Please don't hesitate to let me or Robin know if you have any questions or if we can provide any additional information.

Best,  
Erin

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**Cc:** Robin Schneider <robin@texasenvironment.org>

**Subject:** RE: Comments on the Air Quality Impacts of the Proposed SPOT Terminal

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Good afternoon Erin,

I appreciate your patience as we move through a very busy time. Please fill out the attached form and we'll move forward on this as soon as possible.

Thanks so much.

Taimur.

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Good afternoon Mr. Shaikh,

I'm following up on my email and Robin Schneider's request below to set up a meeting with EPA about the SPOT air comments we submitted. Please let us know if there are times available next week for a call and I can coordinate on our end.

Best,  
Erin

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Mr. Shaikh,

I wanted to make sure that you see these documents. We would like an opportunity to speak with Dr. Nance at her earliest convenience. As you are probably aware, the deadline for the EPA Administrator to weigh in on this license is October 7.

Robin Schneider (she/her/hers)  
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Texas Campaign for the Environment/TCE Fund

Want to schedule a meeting with me? <https://calendly.com/robin-tce>

On Thu, Sep 15, 2022 at 5:28 PM Erin Gaines <[egaines@earthjustice.org](mailto:egaines@earthjustice.org)> wrote:

Regional Administrator Nance and Director Garcia,

Please find attached comments submitted by Citizens for Clean Air and Clean Water, Texas Campaign for the Environment, Earthjustice, and Sierra Club regarding the air quality impacts of SPOT Terminal LLC's proposed deepwater offshore loading terminal off of Brazoria County, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (Docket No. MARAD-2019-0011) and the Clean Air Act (Permits Docket No. EPA-R06-OAR-2019-0576, Permit Nos.: R6PSD-DWP-GM7, R6T5-DWP-GM7, and R6NOMA-DWP-GM7).

We hope to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss these comments and our requests for EPA.

Best,

Erin

Attached: Comments and Attachments A-E

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